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Notice of Emergency Rule Filed for Boxing, Martial Arts, and Wrestling

What is the reason for this mailing?

To notify you that we have filed an Emergency Rule Making Order on November 2, 2010, that requires professional boxing, martial arts, and wrestling promoters to provide ambulance or paramedical units to be equipped with transport and resuscitation capabilities. This emergency rule became effective November 2, 2010, and will remain in effect for 120 days.

What is the reason for filing an emergency rule?

Boxing, martial arts, and wrestling participants are at serious risk of being injured during an event, including death. Currently, Chapter 67.08.160 RCW requires a paramedical unit or ambulance to be on site at the event location. However, there is no requirement that they have to be equipped with transport and resuscitation capabilities. The purpose of requiring an ambulance or paramedical unit at the event is to assure that the injured party will be provided care while being transported to a hospital. This amendment will clarify the law's intent to ensure the safety of the participant.

What will happen next?

We will immediately file a Proposed Rule Making Notice to begin the process of making this a permanent rule. This process will include a public hearing to give you an opportunity to comment on the proposed rule. All interested parties will be notified by either the United Postal Service or through the BOXING-MARTIAL-ARTS-WRESTLING ListServ. Additional information will be posted on our website at www.dol.wa.gov/business/athletics.

Questions or comments regarding this notice?

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